

December 21, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman
Mark W. Mattson Councilman entered @ 7:07PM
Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney, Alan Donner and Bonnie Seegmiller.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, December 07, 2016 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none

Councilman Mark Mattson entered the meeting at 7:07PM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- CWC- Watershed Currents December 2016 issue.
- Del. Co. DPW Commissioner Wayne Reynolds- Joint Speed Zone Request for Jug Tavern Road sent to NYSDOT, Region 9. Supervisor has reported this to DCS Superintendent.

REPORTS- written reports on file at Town Clerk's Office:

- Town Justice DeRosia- November 2016.

Supervisor Merrill stated that there is nothing new to report on "Old Business".

Supervisor reported that we have a Certified K-9 Officer and Certified Canine and both are "On Duty"; paperwork has been submitted to the State.

Supervisor Merrill asked for a motion to hold the Organizational Meeting on Jan.4th at 7PM. Board discussed.

NO. 142-2016 12/21/16 Organizational Meeting

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, (Public Officers Law, Article 7) that the Town of Colchester Town Board will hold its Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 04, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the regular meeting be held immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that County Planning and others have been working on an "Early Warning System" for our area; a rain gauge has been installed on Cat Hollow on County property; we will be notified of a dangerous situation; can be checked by everyone looking on

their computers'; phone system is not up and running yet; they are asking for funds to support the phone service. Board discussed. Board wants more information before making a commitment.

Supervisor reported that a meeting is being scheduled with the Community Advisory Committee and Tom Shepstone on Tuesday, January 17th, time to be announced.

Planning Board Chair, Bonnie Seegmiller made the recommendation to appoint James Romaglia as an Alternate Member of the Town of Colchester Planning Board. Board discussed.

NO. 143-2016 12/21/16 Appoint James Romaglia Alternate Member of Planning Board

Upon recommendation of the Planning Board Chair, Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appointments James Romaglia as an alternate member of the Planning Board with the term of 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2018.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Board reviewed the salary and hourly rate schedule for 2017; Hwy Dept. has a union contract and states a 40cent raise; some raises were 2-3% or 40cents; minimum wage is now \$9.75 therefore some adjustments were made; Board agreed on new rates and will officially adopt them at the Organizational Meeting.

Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck reported that the Delaware County Probation Dept. has approached him with a proposal to supervise a youthful offender for 60 hours of community service; approximately 20 hours a week for 3 weeks; they would be covered under the County's liability; they could clean up the highway garage. Proposal was tabled to executive session.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Clerk's Office Closed Friday, Dec. 23rd thru Monday, Dec. 26th
- Town Clerk's Office closing at 12:00PM on Friday, Dec. 30th
- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, January 02, 2017
- Next Regular Board Meeting & Organizational Meeting Wed., January 4th at 7PM

Councilman Lavorgna asked if we have received our truck back from Robert Green? Highway Supt. replied that the truck has been repaired and returned.

Officer Pagillo reported that last week there were three commercial truck accidents on County Hwy 26; he has spoken with Del. Co. DPW Commissioner Wayne Reynolds in regards to putting up signs like those on Horton Brook Rd/Fuller Hill Rd; Commissioner Reynolds will consider if both the Town of Colchester and Town of Hamden agree. Board discussed. Board suggests the solution of better snow maintenance on the County 26 and better communications.

Councilwoman Markert stated that someone asked about snow removal on our "Eagle Hotel" sidewalk. Supervisor replied that has been taken care of.

Town Attorney Michael DeGroat reported that he has done some research on MEGA, which he gave the Supervisor to review and he will follow up.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Mark Mattson, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.23-2016; Voucher No.637-662; Totaling \$16,306.10.

Julie Markert made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the Youth Probation Proposal, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:00 PM. Board held discussion. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 9:15 PM. Board held discussion and adopted the following resolution.

NO. 144-2016 12/21/16 Youthful Offender Community Service Proposal

Upon recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby accepts the Youthful Offender Community Service Proposal from the Delaware County Probation Dept. to have Youthful Offenders perform community service under the supervision of the Town of Colchester Highway Superintendent.

Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend
Town Clerk